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1. THE POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF ROMETSCH IS OF CONSIDER-
ABLE INTEREST. WE AGREE WITH THE ASSESSMENT OF ROMETSCH'S
ADVANTAGES FOR TCC CHAIRMAN ROLE AND PERHAPS OTHERS FROM
THE LIST OF FUNCTIONS (TCC CHAIR, INFCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE) ENVISAGED BY LOPEZ-
MENCHERO, AS CITED IN PARA 4, REF B. WE HAD ASSUMED THE
NEW APPOINTMENT IN SWITZERLAND FOR WHICH ROMETSCH IS
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LEAVING IAEA WOULD PRECLUDE HIS UNDERTAKING EVEN THE TCC
CHAIRMANSHIP. IF ROMETSCH IS AVAILABLE, THIS WOULD BE
WELCOME.

2. IN RESPONDING TO THE LOPEZ-MENCHERO INQUIRY AS TO THE
U.S. ATTITUDE, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO RELINQUISH OR PREJUDICE
CHAYES' CANDIDACY, IN VIEW OF THE UNAVOIDABLE UNCERTAINTY

AS TO ROMETSCH'S AVAILABILITY AND ULTIMATE BROAD ACCEPTABILITY. WE UNDERSTAND GARRETT IS LEAVING IAEA SHORTLY, TO BE REPLACED BY SKOELDEBRAND AS TCC SECRETARY. CHAYES AND SKOELDEBRAND TOGETHER WOULD REPRESENT ANOTHER WAY TO PERFORM THE RANGE OF FUNCTIONS ENVISAGED BY LOPEZ-MENCHERO.

3. THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO INFORM LOPEZ-MENCHERO THAT THE PRIMARY U.S. INTEREST IS ENABLING TCC TO FIND A SOLUTION TO ITS CHAIRMANSHIP PROBLEM. WE THINK HIGHLY OF ROMETSCH AND WOULD WELCOME HIS CANDIDACY. TO KEEP THE TCC'S OPTIONS OPEN, CHAYES REMAINS READY TO CONTINUE BEYOND JUNE IN HIS PRESENT ROLE AS TCC CHAIRMAN IF THAT PROVES TO BE THE SOLUTION SATISFYING THE LARGEST NUMBER. FYI YOU MAY CONFIRM THIS POSITION WITH ROMETSCH OR OTHERS IF ASKED. WE WANT ROMETSCH TO BE PROPOSED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY RATHER THAN THE U.S. AND YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE ON HIS BEHALF WITH OTHER MISSIONS. END FYI.

4. AN INFCE DRAFTING COMMITTEE OR OTHER DEVICE TO PREPARE REPORTS IS A LIKELY AND USEFUL DEVELOPMENT, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT TCC MEMBERS ARE READY TO ACCEPT IT OR THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE U.S. TO PURSUE IT BEFORE THE CHAIRMANSHIP IS SETTLED. THERE IS ALSO NO CONSENSUS ON IDEA OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOR EVEN ANY DEFINITION OF HIS FUNCTIONS. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE ISSUES OF THE TCC COORDINATING ROLE AND THE FINAL PRODUCT OF INFCE AS WELL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS THE MORE SPECIFIC MATTER OF THE JUNE TCC AGENDA. THESE ARE PRIMARILY MATTERS FOR AGREEMENT AMONG WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN AND THE TCC, OF COURSE, AND WE REGRET THAT THE MARCH INFORMAL MEETING OF CO-CHAIRMEN DID NOT COME ABOUT AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION. SINCE SOME CO-CHAIRMEN ARE SENSITIVE TO THEIR PREROGATIVES (E.G., GOLDSCHMIDT, AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 6, REF B), CARNESALE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH SELECTED CO-CHAIRMEN BEFORE WE PUT FORWARD A POSITION. AT THAT TIME WE WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW THE MISSION CAN ASSIST IN CONSULTATIONS. IN THE MEANWHILE, WE APPRECIATE THE MISSION'S MOST USEFUL REPORTING. BORIGHT WILL BE IN VIENNA IN LATE MARCH FOR WORKING GROUP 4 MEETING AND CAN BRING MISSION UP TO DATE ON OUR PLANNING.

5. NEITHER U.S. TCC MEMBER CARNESALE NOR DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM IAEA TEXT OF FIRST CHAYES' TELEX PROPOSING INFORMAL CO-CHAIRMEN MEETING, OR LATEST TELEX ANNOUNCING IT WILL NOT BE HELD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION ASCERTAINING FROM GARRETT WHETHER TELEXES WERE SENT AND TO WHOM.

6. WE AGREE WITH THE VIEW (PARA 5, REF A) THAT CHAYES
WILL APPARENTLY HAVE TO REMAIN A USG CONSULTANT WHILE
SERVING AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN FOR THE JUNE TCC MEETING,
STATUS AS AN IAEA CONSULTANT STILL SEEMS TO US PREFERABLE
WHILE SERVING IN SUCH A NON-NATIONAL FUNCTION, BUT WE DO
NOT PLAN TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

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